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BEGIN SUMMARY: UNCTAD SEC GEN PEREZ-GUERRERO (P-G) ON AUG. 7 REVIEWED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIRTEENTH TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD WHICH CONVENES AUG. 21. MAIN POINT TO COME OUT OF MEETING WAS PROPOSAL CHANGE DATES OF SHIPPING MEETINGS. OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED INCLUDED MEETING OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PREFERENCES, RELATIONSHIP OF UNCTAD IV TO MED-TERM REVIEW AND APPRAISAL AND ARRANGEMENTS ON CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES. GROUP B ON AUG. 8 WELCOMED DELAY OF SHIPPING MEETINGS. END SUMMARY

1. IN INFORMAL CONSULTATION WITH GROUP REPRESENTATIVES AUG. 6, P-G CONFIRMED AGREEMENT (REFTEL) TO SHORTEN TDB XIII TO TWO WEEKS, CONCLUDING SUBSTANCE SEPT. 7 AND REPORT SEPT. 11, WITH TWO SESSIONAL COMMITTEES. SECRE-

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TARIAT CONTINUED SUGGEST ONE SESSIONAL COMMITTEE DEAL WITH

AGENDA ITEM 9, THE OTHER WITH ITEMS 6 AND 11(A), AND ASKED GROUP B (DEVELOPED COUNTRIES) TO REVIEW ITS POSITION. RESPONDING TO QUESTION BY GROUP B COORDINATOR (MILLER, US), P-G SAID HE EXPECTS COCOA STUDY TO BE HANDLED UNDER ITEM 6.

2. ON CALENDAR, P-G PROPOSED TO SHIFT SHIPPING COMMITTEE MEETING FROM OCTOBER '73 TO MARCH 11-22, '74 AND MOVE WG ON INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING LEGISLATION TO 1975 AS WAY OF MEETING GROUP B REQUEST AVOID BUNCHING OF SHIPPING MEETINGS IN FALL. AS TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PREFERENCES SCHEDULED MEET APRIL-MAY 1974, P-G RELUCTANT POSTPONE BECAUSE SAID TOO MANY POLICY ISSUES NEED DISCUSSION. GROUP B COORDINATOR SAID HIS GROUP LIKELY PROPOSE ALTERNATIVE DATE AT BOARD BECAUSE NECESSARY DATA NOT AVAILABLE SO EARLY IN YEAR.

3. P-G ALSO RAISED POSSIBILITY OF MOVING UNCTAD IV AHEAD FROM 1976 TO 1975 SO THAT CONFERENCE COULD ADDRESS MID-TERM REVIEW OF SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE. GROUP B REITERATED VIEW THAT UNCTAD III HAD RIGHTLY ASSIGNED THIS FUNCTION TO TDB. ASIAN GROUP (BRILLANTES, PHILIPPINES) MENTIONED CONVERSE POSSIBILITY OF PUTTING OFF MID-TERM REVIEW TO 1976 TO MAKE LATER DATE AVAILABLE AND ALSO ALLOW CONFERENCE TO ADDRESS MID-TERM REVIEW.

4. RESPONDING TO INQUIRY BY BRILLANTES, SECRETARIAT REPORTED IT PLANS TO PROPOSE TDB RECOMMEND THAT UNGA EXTEND MANDATE OF WG ON CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES AND CALENDAR WILL CONTAIN ALLOCATION FOR TWO MEETINGS OF THREE WEEKS EACH IN 1974. TENTATIVE DATES SUGGESTED BY SECRETARIAT ARE FEBRUARY 4-22 AND JUNE 10-28.

5. GROUP B ON AUG. 8 RELUCTANTLY AGREED LET SOCIALIST COUNTRIES HAVE SESSIONAL COMMITTEE RESTRICTED TO CONSIDERATION OF ITEM 9. GROUP WELCOMED SUBSTANCE OF DECISION ON SHIPPING BUT NUMBER OF DELS WISHED OBTAIN GUIDANCE ON SPECIFIC DATES OF SHIPPING COMMITTEE. BASSIN

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